

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

1. (currently amended): A system for controlling a data network, comprising:  
means for receiving a plurality of quality of service requests that each correspond to one of a plurality of ~~respective~~ microflows;  
control means for controlling one or more elements of said data network; and  
means for correlating the quality of service requests so as to define at least one set of a plurality of correlated microflows;  
wherein the control means effects said control of said elements of said data network only once for the quality of service requests of each said set of microflows; and  
each said set comprises a plurality of microflows whose corresponding quality of service requests are correlated ~~defined in that the quality of service request of each microflow is correlated with the quality of service request of every other microflow in said set.~~

2. (previously presented): A control system according to claim 1, wherein the correlation is effected by comparing the 5-tuples of said microflows.

3. (previously presented): A control system according to claim 2, wherein the correlation is effected by comparing the addresses of the sender and the addressee.

4. (previously presented): A control system according to claim 1, wherein said control means comprises a software module remote from said correlation means and communicating therewith by means of a communication protocol.

5. (previously presented): A control system according to claim 1, wherein said network elements may be monitored atomically.

6. (previously presented): A control system according to claim 1, wherein the control means are adapted to perform admission control prior to controlling said network elements.

7. (previously presented): A control system according to claim 1, wherein the control means are such that said correlated reservation requests share the same bandwidth.

8. (previously presented): A control system according to claim 1, wherein the correlation means are adapted to anticipate microflows of return packets and to consider them to determine the correlated resource reservation requests.

9. (currently amended): A control device of a data network , comprising:  
means for receiving a plurality of quality of service requests that each correspond to one  
of a plurality of ~~respective~~ microflows;

means for communicating with an admission controller for reserving the required resources within said data network,

wherein the control device comprises means for correlating the quality of service requests so as to define at least one set of a plurality of correlated microflows; and

the control device transmits a single resource reservation request to the admission controller for the quality of service requests of each said set; and

each said set comprises a plurality of microflows whose corresponding quality of service requests are correlated~~of microflows defined in that the quality of service request of each microflow is correlated with the quality of service request of every other microflow in said set.~~

10. (previously presented): A control device according to claim 9 wherein the correlation is effected by comparing the 5-tuples of said microflows.

11. (previously presented): A control device according to claim 10, wherein the correlation is effected by comparing the addresses of the sender and the addressee.

12. (previously presented): A control device according to claim 9, wherein said correlated quality of service requests may share the same bandwidth.

13. (previously presented): A control device according to claim 9, wherein the correlation means are adapted to anticipate return microflows and to consider them for determining the correlated quality of service requests.

14. (currently amended): An admission controller associated with a domain of a data network, comprising:

means for receiving a single resource reservation request for the quality of service requests of each of at least one set of a plurality of correlated microflows, each quality of service request corresponding to one of a plurality of microflows, each said set comprising a plurality of microflows whose corresponding quality of service requests are correlated, ~~defined in that the quality of service requests of each microflow is correlated with the quality of service request of every other microflow in said set~~ and control means for controlling elements of said domain, wherein the admission controller further comprises means for communicating said single resource reservation request for each said set of microflows to the ~~an~~ admission controller associated with a second domain of said data network.